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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</small> | | MS Patent Application ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 19] <i>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (<i>if filed</i>) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure </p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]</p> <p>5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets]</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <i>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)</i></p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76</p> | | <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (<i>Appendix</i>)</p> <p>8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <i>(if applicable, all necessary)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies </p> | |
| ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS | | | |
| <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement X Power of Attorney</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (<i>if applicable</i>)</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 X Copies of IDS Citations</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i></p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i></p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> | | | |

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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 856.00)

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| Application Number | Not Yet Assigned |
| Filing Date | Concurrently Herewith |
| First Named Inventor | Carson H. Zirkle |
| Examiner Name | Not Yet Assigned |
| Art Unit | N/A |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | 770.00 |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 770.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|--------------|---|----------|
| Total Claims | 17 | -20** = | <input type="text"/> x <input type="text"/> = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3** = | <input type="text"/> 1 x <input type="text"/> = | 86.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | |

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 86.00)

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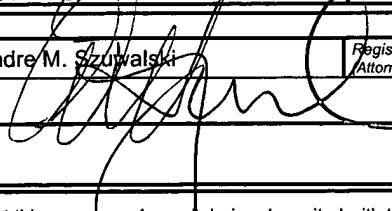
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 210 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 165 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 145 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 240 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 320 Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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